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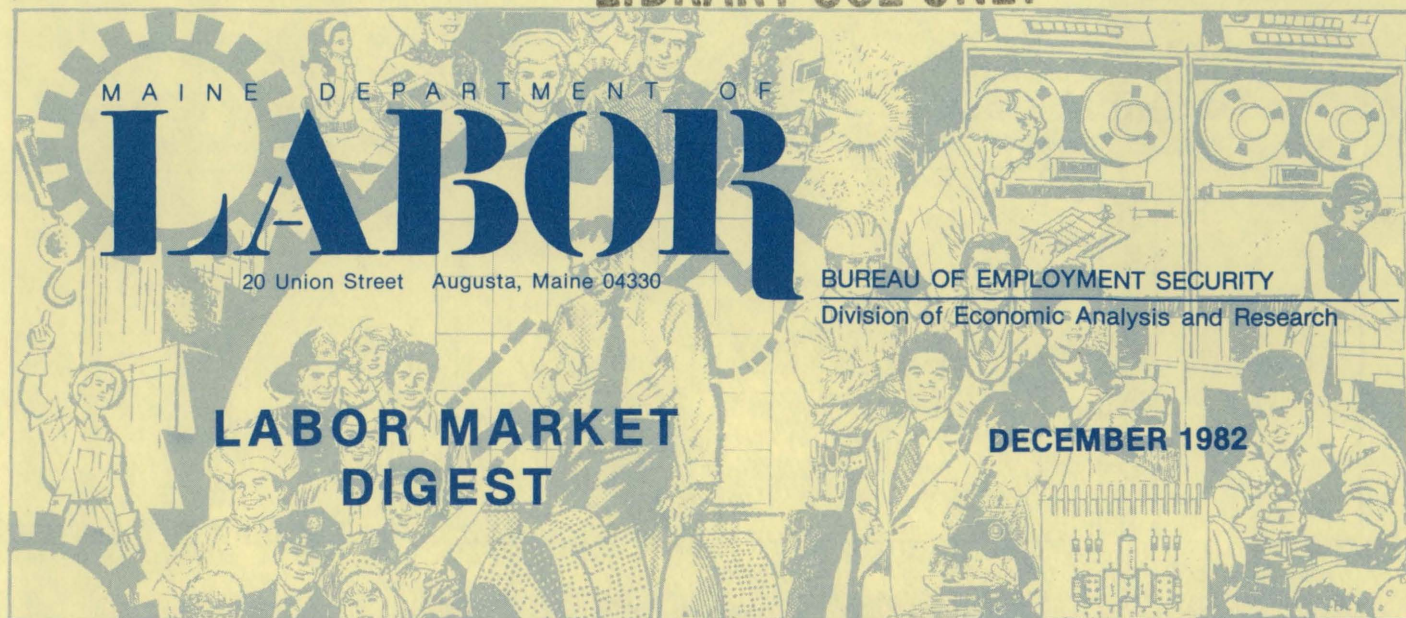
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A Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

Message from Commissioner Malloy ...

RELATIONS BETWEEN LABOR ORGANIZATIONS AND PRIVATE BUSINESSES LAST YEAR WERE THE BEST IN MAINE SINCE 1972.

THE CALENDAR YEAR 1982 WAS AN EXCELLENT YEAR FOR LABOR RELATIONS IN MAINE. FIFTY-FOUR PERCENT OF THE MAJOR CONTRACTS BETWEEN PRIVATE EMPLOYERS AND ORGANIZED WORKERS IN MAINE WERE NEGOTIATED WITH THE FEWEST NUMBER OF LOST WORKDAYS DUE TO WORK STOPPAGES IN TEN YEARS.

A MAJOR CONTRACT IN MAINE IS DEFINED AS AN AGREEMENT COVERING 100 OR MORE WORKERS. THERE WERE 89 SUCH CONTRACTS IN FORCE IN 1982 COVERING APPROXIMATELY 39,500 WORKERS. A TOTAL OF 35 MAJOR CONTRACTS COVERING 21,400 WORKERS WERE SIGNED LAST YEAR.

ACCORDING TO STATISTICS ON PRIVATE SECTOR LABOR RELATIONS WHICH ARE MAINTAINED BY THE BUREAU OF LABOR STANDARDS OF THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, THERE WERE ONLY FIVE STRIKES IN EFFECT IN THE PAST YEAR INVOLVING 161 WORKERS. THESE STOPPAGES RESULTED IN A LOSS OF LESS THAN ONE ONE-HUNDREDTH OF A PERCENT OF ESTIMATED TOTAL WORK TIME, APPROXIMATELY ONE-FOURTH THE NATIONAL AVERAGE.

OF THE CONTRACTS NEGOTIATED LAST YEAR, 14 AGREEMENTS COVERING 9,700 WORKERS WERE REACHED IN THE PAPER INDUSTRY. AGREEMENTS AFFECTING SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF WORKERS WERE ALSO REACHED IN THE CONSTRUCTION, APPAREL MANUFACTURE AND TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT INDUSTRIES. GENERALLY, AGREEMENTS ARE MOVING TOWARD LONGER CONTRACT PERIODS AND IN MANY CASES PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS COVERING TWO YEARS HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO THREE-YEAR CONTRACTS.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 1983, 39 CONTRACTS ARE SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE AND ONE NEW CONTRACT AGREEMENT IS TO BE WORKED OUT. APPROXIMATELY 14,000 WORKERS WILL BE COVERED UNDER THESE CONTRACTS. TEN AGREEMENTS ARE SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE IN 1983 IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY INVOLVING 3,600 WORKERS. THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY WILL HAVE SEVEN AGREEMENTS TO NEGOTIATE AFFECTING 2,100 WORKERS AND SEVEN AGREEMENTS WILL ALSO EXPIRE IN THE LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS INDUSTRY. THE PAPER INDUSTRY WILL AGAIN BE A FACTOR WITH SIX CONTRACTS FOR 2,500 WORKERS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE. TWENTY-FOUR OF THE 39 CONTRACTS WERE ORIGINALLY NEGOTIATED IN 1981, AN ADDITIONAL TEN WERE SIGNED IN 1980.

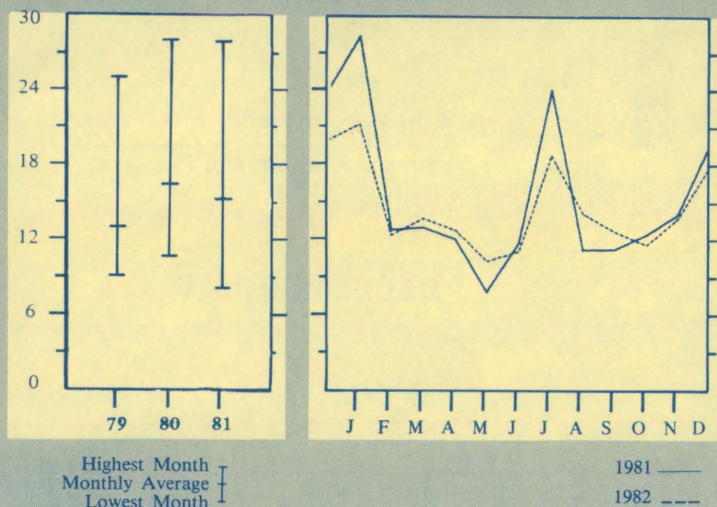
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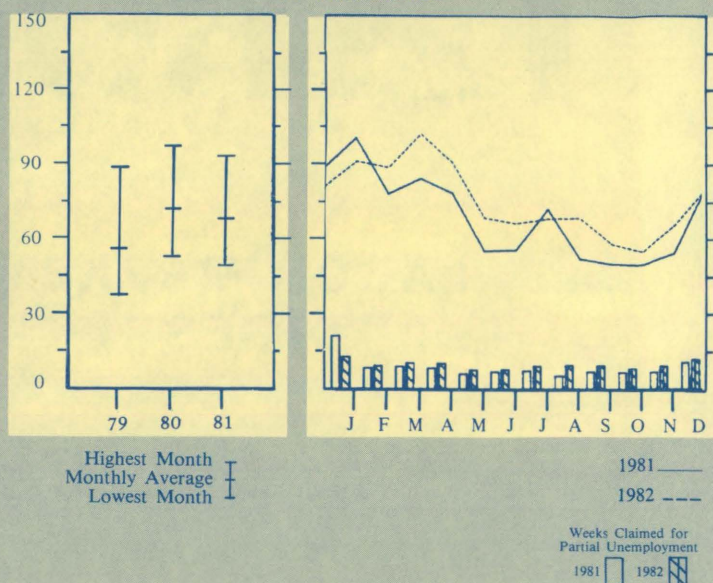
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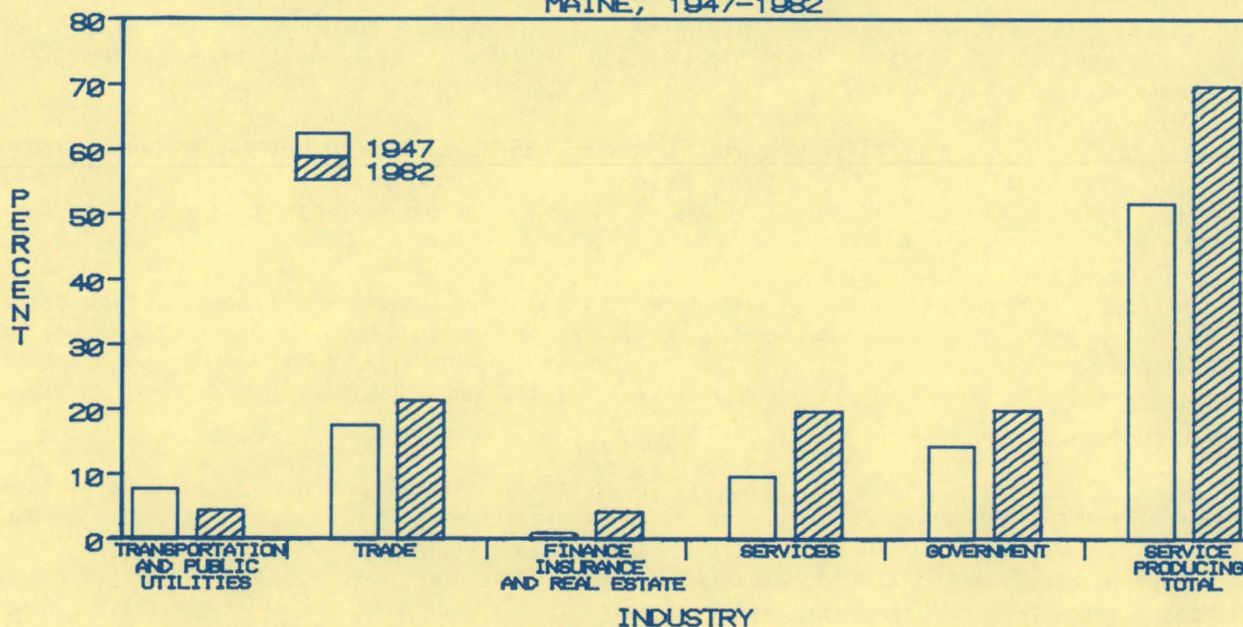
UI Initial Claims in Thousands



UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed in Thousands



EMPLOYMENT IN INDUSTRIES PRODUCING SERVICES AS A PERCENT OF TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT MAINE, 1947-1982



Maine's economy has changed since World War II. The structural development most clearly evident is the shift of employment from goods-producing to service-producing industries. Between 1947 and 1982 employment in service-producing industries (trade, services, government, transportation and public utilities, and finance, insurance, and real estate) increased from 51.7 percent to 68.8 percent of total nonfarm employment in Maine.



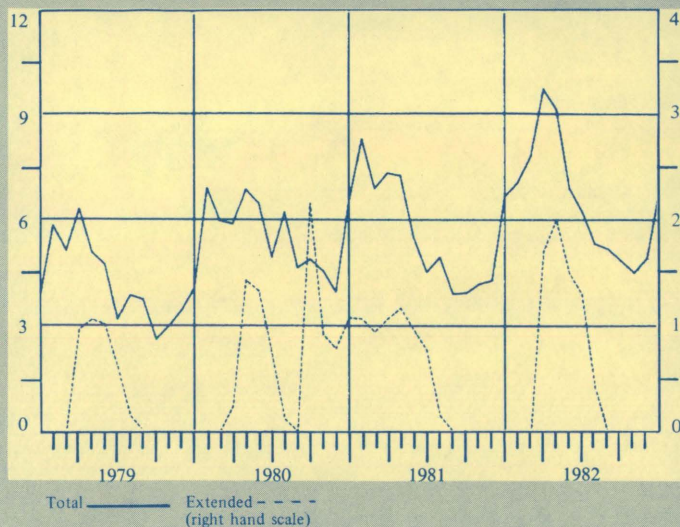
Selected Employment Security Activities



UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

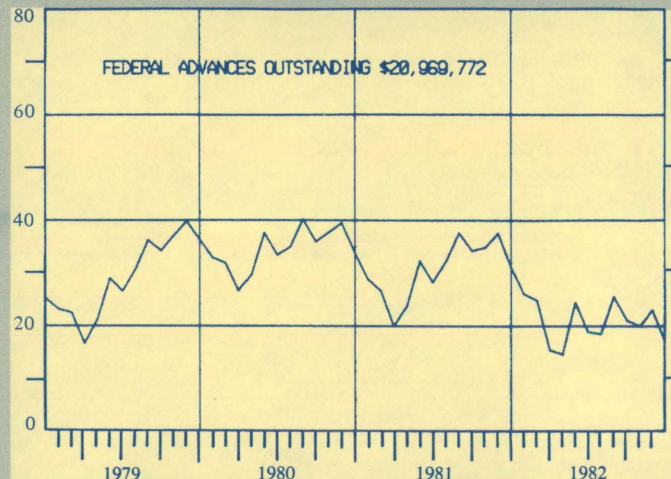
(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation

Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)

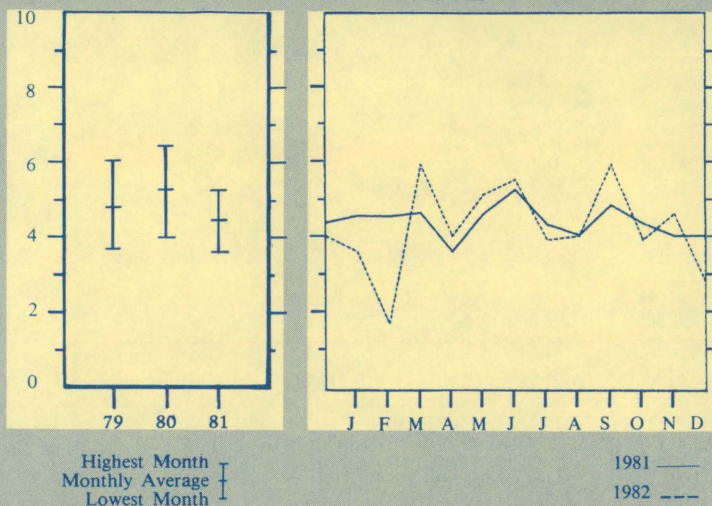


Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	406.3	409.4	412.3	97.8	97.4	94.9	33.3	33.8	34.5
Total Manufacturing	105.0	106.4	110.1	17.0	16.9	17.5	10.2	10.7	11.4
Durable Goods	39.1	39.2	41.4	6.7	6.8	7.5	1.9	1.9	2.1
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	12.0	11.7	13.1	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	14.3	14.4	16.6	5.9	6.0	6.8	1.5	1.5	1.7
Other Durable Goods 3/	12.8	13.1	11.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Nondurable Goods	65.9	67.2	68.7	10.3	10.1	10.0	8.3	8.8	9.3
Food and Kindred Products	8.2	8.6	8.3	2.3	2.2	2.3	1.0	1.0	0.9
Textile Mill Products	6.1	6.0	7.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.3	1.5	1.8
Apparel	4.8	4.8	4.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.8	17.9	18.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	19.3	19.8	20.0	3.5	3.5	3.1	3.0	3.2	3.4
Footwear (except Rubber)	(16.2)	(16.6)	(16.7)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(2.8)	(3.0)	(3.2)
All Other	(3.1)	(3.2)	(3.3)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	9.7	10.1	10.0	4.5	4.4	4.6	2.3	2.4	2.5
Total Nonmanufacturing	301.3	303.0	302.2	80.8	80.5	77.4	23.1	23.1	23.1
Contract Construction	16.8	18.0	16.3	3.8	4.0	3.5	1.2	1.3	1.2
Transportation and Public Utilities	17.8	17.9	17.9	5.8	5.9	5.6	1.2	1.2	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	87.4	86.9	88.6	27.1	26.9	26.2	8.4	8.2	8.2
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	18.0	18.0	17.2	8.5	8.4	7.7	1.7	1.7	1.8
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	77.9	77.8	77.8	22.6	22.2	21.4	7.6	7.7	7.6
Government	83.4	84.4	84.4	13.0	13.1	13.0	3.0	3.0	3.1
Federal	(18.2)	(18.1)	(18.1)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)
State and Local 5/	(65.2)	(66.3)	(66.3)	(11.6)	(11.7)	(11.6)	(2.7)	(2.7)	(2.8)
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

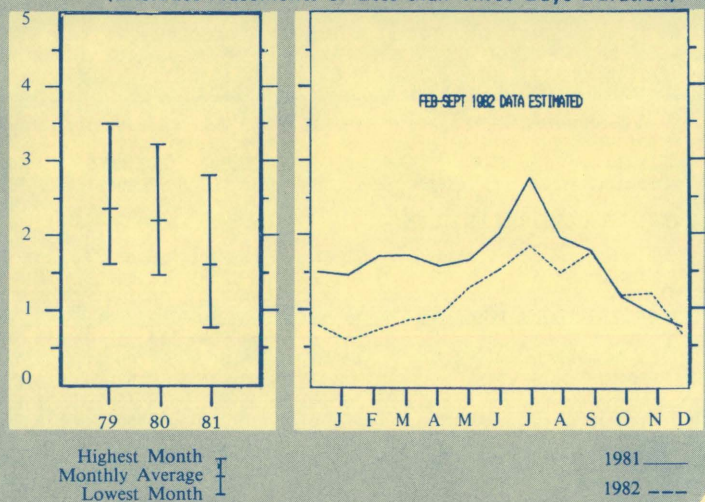
1/Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50.

New Applications For Work in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1981	1980	1979
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	\$304.56	\$299.41	\$281.07	40.5	39.5	40.5	\$7.52	\$7.58	\$6.94	\$6.66	\$6.00	\$5.42
Durable Goods	326.41	315.20	297.27	40.7	39.4	40.5	8.02	8.00	7.34	6.97	6.27	5.61
Lumber and Wood Products	283.29	278.91	274.33	39.4	38.9	39.7	7.19	7.17	6.91	6.52	6.08	5.49
Metals and Machinery	305.78	286.38	280.14	41.1	38.7	40.6	7.44	7.40	6.90	6.61	5.87	5.27
Other Durable Goods	392.18	379.89	348.59	41.5	40.5	41.4	9.45	9.38	8.42	7.98	7.09	6.26
Nondurable Goods	291.28	289.93	270.68	40.4	39.5	40.4	7.21	7.34	6.70	6.48	5.85	5.31
Food and Kindred Products	231.65	224.72	227.15	38.1	36.6	39.3	6.08	6.14	5.78	5.50	5.01	4.65
Textile Mill Products	221.20	218.23	208.26	40.0	38.9	39.0	5.53	5.61	5.34	5.17	4.79	4.40
Apparel	196.50	202.57	194.24	37.5	37.1	37.8	5.24	5.46	5.14	4.97	4.49	4.15
Paper and Allied Products	488.83	488.25	445.90	46.6	45.0	46.4	10.49	10.85	9.61	9.27	8.31	7.44
Leather and Leather Products	205.33	205.15	196.27	37.4	37.3	37.6	5.49	5.50	5.22	5.10	4.72	4.23
Other Nondurable Goods	250.78	242.56	231.25	38.7	37.9	38.8	6.48	6.40	5.96	5.75	5.23	4.80
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	299.30	290.67	265.67	39.8	37.7	39.3	7.52	7.71	6.76	6.49	5.85	5.32
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	239.98	227.66	217.74	39.6	37.2	38.0	6.06	6.12	5.73	5.57	5.08	4.66

Female Labor Force in Maine in Thousands

ITEM	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force *	208.3	209.1	205.9
Unemployed	16.2	15.9	13.9
(Percent)	7.8	7.6	6.8
Resident Employed	192.1	193.2	192.0

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	292.4	293.6	281.5	281.5
Percent Change for Past Month			-0.4	
Percent Change from Last December			+3.9	
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago			+3.9	

* Preliminary estimates

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE- Statewide	499.4	497.9	501.1	459.7	463.0	462.8	39.7	34.9	38.3	7.9	7.0	7.6
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	42,500	42,700	43,300	39,800	40,400	40,600	2,700	2,300	2,700	6.4	5.4	6.2
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	30,800	30,900	32,100	28,000	28,200	29,600	2,800	2,700	2,500	9.1	8.7	7.8
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	36,600	36,700	38,100	33,700	34,100	35,100	2,900	2,600	3,000	7.9	7.1	7.9
Portland SMSA	95,500	94,400	92,900	89,900	89,500	87,800	5,600	4,900	5,100	5.9	5.2	5.5
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	28,640	28,320	29,030	26,610	26,480	26,930	2,030	1,840	2,100	7.1	6.5	7.2
Bath-Brunswick	24,490	24,650	22,640	23,270	23,490	21,320	1,220	1,160	1,320	5.0	4.7	5.8
Belfast	9,800	9,880	10,100	8,410	8,890	8,900	1,390	990	1,200	14.2	10.0	11.9
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset ..	7,310	7,280	7,280	6,700	6,800	6,740	610	480	540	8.3	6.6	7.4
Calais-Eastport	14,520	14,800	14,440	12,780	13,200	12,810	1,740	1,600	1,630	12.0	10.8	11.3
Caribou-Presque Isle	18,420	18,400	19,860	16,150	16,410	17,620	2,270	1,990	2,240	12.3	10.8	11.3
Central Penobscot	3,500	3,470	3,580	3,240	3,260	3,350	260	210	230	7.4	6.1	6.4
Dover-Foxcroft	6,680	6,680	6,460	6,220	6,200	6,120	460	480	340	6.9	7.2	5.3
Ellsworth	18,410	18,890	18,600	16,950	17,710	17,100	1,460	1,180	1,500	7.9	6.2	8.1
Farmington	12,440	12,220	12,710	11,600	11,370	11,750	840	850	960	6.8	7.0	7.6
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,140	5,080	4,780	4,660	4,700	4,210	480	380	570	9.3	7.5	11.9
Greenville	1,800	1,670	1,780	1,630	1,580	1,700	170	90	80	9.4	5.4	4.5
Houlton	4,760	4,510	4,550	4,250	4,070	4,140	510	440	410	10.7	9.8	9.0
Lincoln-Howland	5,420	5,460	5,520	5,020	5,050	5,200	400	410	320	7.4	7.5	5.8
Livermore Falls	5,710	5,610	5,670	5,120	5,110	5,130	590	500	540	10.3	8.9	9.5
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,440	4,280	4,300	3,770	3,780	3,890	670	500	410	15.1	11.7	9.5
Mechanic Falls	2,310	2,280	2,160	2,030	2,020	1,840	280	260	320	12.1	11.4	14.8
Millinocket-East Millinocket ..	5,330	5,310	5,330	5,050	5,080	5,050	280	230	280	5.3	4.3	5.3
Patten-Island Falls	2,220	2,220	2,430	1,970	2,000	2,190	250	220	240	11.3	9.9	9.9
Rockland	15,320	15,300	15,960	13,780	13,920	14,700	1,540	1,380	1,260	10.1	9.0	7.9
Rumford	19,790	19,680	20,580	17,990	18,100	18,680	1,800	1,580	1,900	9.1	8.0	9.2
Sebag Lake Region	10,160	10,120	10,150	9,320	9,400	9,420	840	720	730	8.3	7.1	7.2
Skowhegan	20,320	20,000	19,120	18,100	18,010	16,480	2,220	1,990	2,640	10.9	10.0	13.8
Kittery-York	17,900	18,000	18,130	17,060	17,300	17,500	840	700	630	4.7	3.9	3.5
Southwest Penobscot	8,250	8,160	7,840	7,280	7,300	6,990	970	860	850	11.8	10.5	10.8
Waterville	20,950	20,940	21,660	19,370	19,550	19,940	1,580	1,390	1,720	7.5	6.6	7.9
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,597.3	1,600.4	n/a	1,487.2	1,497.8	n/a	110.1	102.6	n/a	5.9	6.4
Massachusetts	3,003.0	3,041.0	3,038.7	2,790.0	2,845.0	2,830.5	214.0	196.0	208.2	7.1	6.5	6.9
New Hampshire	n/a	479.5	482.1	n/a	445.7	457.8	n/a	33.8	24.3	n/a	7.0	5.0
Rhode Island	488.2	486.5	481.7	434.9	440.1	445.1	53.3	46.4	36.6	10.9	9.5	7.6
Vermont	n/a	269.3	260.7	n/a	251.4	245.7	n/a	17.9	15.0	n/a	6.7	5.8
NEW ENGLAND STATES ..	n/a	5,873.6	5,863.6	n/a	5,469.4	5,476.9	n/a	404.2	386.7	n/a	6.9	6.6
UNITED STATES 3/	110,477	110,855	108,574	98,849	99,379	99,562	11,628	11,476	9,013	10.5	10.4	8.3

Area Definitions

LMA - Labor Market Area

SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partial)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	16,543	13,249	15,910	2,112	1,847	1,893	1,128	943	1,096
Insured Unemployment Rate *.	4.2	3.4	4.0	2.5	2.2	2.3	3.5	2.9	3.3

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM ^{1/}

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	8.9	9.8	9.3
Clerical and Sales	15.5	17.0	12.8
Service	8.7	8.6	9.7
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	1.8	1.3	2.6
Processing	5.2	5.9	6.1
Machine Trades	13.2	15.2	10.8
Benchwork	8.9	9.8	8.1
Structural Work	19.4	15.2	18.7
Miscellaneous	18.4	17.2	21.9

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	63.8	62.8	64.5
Under 22	9.8	9.2	11.7
22-24	12.7	11.8	11.8
25-34	31.0	31.2	32.3
35-39	10.3	10.6	8.7
Total 40 and Over	36.2	37.2	35.5
40-44	7.5	8.0	9.0
45-54	13.3	13.2	13.4
55-64	10.2	10.4	10.6
65 and Over	5.2	5.6	2.5

^{1/}Data refers to continued claimants who received benefits under the regular state unemployment insurance program.

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